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UPCOMING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Resurfacing Division has scheduled the final phase of resurfacing for **Beverly Glen Blvd from Greendale Drive to Sunset Blvd on Thursday May 12th to Saturday May 14, 2016.** The department will be profiling the concrete segment on Thursday and Friday and then lay the asphalt on Saturday May 14th. The resurfacing crew will begin at 9:00am on Thursday to accommodate and minimize impact on the roads. The crew will be there until 3:00pm and then open the road afterwards. On Saturday, crews will begin diverting traffic at 6:00am but will begin the paving operation at 7:00am with a goal to be completed before 5:00pm that day.

The Department will only allow local traffic, but no through traffic between Greendale Drive and Sunset Blvd. The segment will be completely closed on

City Budget approval process in midstream

The approval process for Mayor Garcetti's proposed \$8.1 billion annual City Budget has reached a key milestone. The Council's Budget and Finance Committee, of which Councilmember Koretz is a member, held lengthy hearings from April 27th through May 5th, reviewing the proposed revenues and expenditures for each of the City's departments, asking in-depth questions and making recommendations for adjustments.

On May 13th the committee will review those adjustments as it closes in on transmitting the Budget to the full Council. The Council is expected to take it up on May 18.

The Mayor's proposal places a new emphasis on addressing the City's long-festering homelessness problem, earmarking \$138 million to provide services and housing. However, Councilmember Koretz and others are concerned that \$67 million of the proposed funds are dependent both on a ballot measure and the sale or use of surplus City-owned property. If those sources don't materialize, it will hinder the City's ability to provide real housing options for the tens of thousands of homeless individuals living on our streets.

Councilmember Koretz's budget priorities revolve around strengthening City services and efficiencies. He's pushed for more Fire Department staffing, more civilian LAPD staff to free up officers from desk jobs, an additional tree-trimming crew, better management of the City's business tax system, better management of feral cats and more animal control officers, among other things.

Saturday when the paving is placed.

Message boards have been placed at the top of Mulholland Drive and bottom of Sunset Blvd to inform drivers. Drivers traveling south on Beverly Glen Drive will be routed to use Greendale Drive and those driving from Sunset Blvd will not be able to turn onto Beverly Glen between the hours posted above. We understand that this may be an inconvenience to drivers but the segment itself will require a 3 day closure to complete the project.

As always, any emergency response vehicles will be given full access to their destination. With high expectations the Department expects to complete this project within the days indicated. Our office will also inform the local Homeowner Associations, Neighborhood Watch groups and Neighborhood Council to help spread the word. We hope you can also help us spread the word to the community.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact me the resurfacing division at [818-756-8651](tel:818-756-8651).

Send us your news and events!
If you or your community group have any upcoming events that you would like to see featured in our next newsletter or on my website, please e-mail me at paul.koretz@lacity.org.

Please feel free to send this newsletter along to your friends and neighbors and tell them to visit the CD 5 website at <http://cd5.lacity.org> to sign up for this newsletter.

Honoring Encino teachers

Teachers are often the unsung heroes of our city and nation, which is why it's wonderful that the Encino Chamber of Commerce presents an annual "Teacher of the Year" award, celebrating teachers from various San Fernando Valley schools and their profound contributions to the education and well-being of Los Angeles students, families and communities. This year's honorees included Paula Tew from Lanai Road Elementary, Sheri Simkin from Hesby Oaks Elementary, Lori Lawson from Encino Elementary School, and teacher of the year Dr. Heather Penrod.

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Times' editorializes its support of Koretz Wildlife Corridor effort

The most recent issue of this very newsletter, the Hi 5, detailed how, on April 22, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved the Wildlife Corridor motion authored by Councilmember Koretz.

On April 25, a Los Angeles Times editorial supported the Council's action approving the Koretz's motion. Here is a portion of that editorial, as well as a link to the full editorial:

Ensuring public access for pumas in the Santa Monica Mountains

By [The Times Editorial Board](#)

Think of it as public access for pumas: If the Los Angeles City Council has its way, new construction projects in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains would have to include pathways or easements for mountain lions, bobcats and other wildlife. The goal, laid out in a motion approved last week by the council, is to develop city rules to make sure development doesn't box in wild animals that need to roam the mountains for food, mates and survival.

To read more, <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-wildlife-corridor-20160426-story.html>

The 5th Council District thanks the Times for granting permission to share this editorial portion and link.

A special thanks also goes to Joseph Edmiston, the Executive

Director of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, who came to City Hall to address the Council quite eloquently before the vote was taken -- he urged full support for the motion. After the vote, he participated in a triumphant press conference, along with representatives of Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) and other organizational members of the coalition supporting the motion, and Councilmembers Koretz, David Ryu and Mitch O'Farrell. (Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Krekorian were among those who very actively supported the effort but were unable to attend the press conference.)

Joseph Edmiston of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy addresses the City Council.

Mayor Garcetti's newest Executive Directive: a strategic hiring plan to increase efficiency and equity in hiring

On the morning of April 29, Mayor Eric Garcetti signed a landmark Executive Directive to restore core city services and create long-awaited job opportunities for L.A.'s most underserved communities, as his administration prepares to hire thousands of new employees.

At the ceremonial signing of the Executive Directive -- his 15th -- the Mayor was joined by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Paul Krekorian, former City Councilmember/Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg, various city departmental general managers, and representatives of community groups, clergy, labor and education.

The Great Recession, associated with the bursting of the housing bubble in 2007, forced city after city, Los Angeles included, to consider and/or enact major cuts in services and the workforce that delivers those services. The Great Recession officially lasted into 2009, and that rough time, followed by this nation's lengthy but not full-throttled economic recovery, has meant that governmental jurisdictions are still wrestling with the consequences of that period of budgetary crisis.

Executive Directive #15 was developed with a "back to basics" approach to strategically restore critical City services. The directive builds upon a historic labor agreement the City entered into with the Coalition of Los Angeles City Unions this past March, which included long-term savings of more than \$16 million for the City's budget, and a goal of hiring more than

5,000 new civilian employees over the next three years. The directive will also ensure that all Angelenos have equitable access to good paying city jobs.

"With 46 percent of our City workers eligible to retire by 2018, L.A. has an unprecedented opportunity to rethink the way we deliver services to meet the 21st century demands of our residents," said Mayor Garcetti. "Today we start that transformation. As the third-largest employer in our County, we are prioritizing local hiring — to ensure that every qualified Angeleno has an equal opportunity to apply for full-time city jobs. Everyone deserves a chance at success."

The Mayor is instructing all City departments to analyze the services they deliver and account for their specific personnel, technology, and process improvement needs. The directive also calls for all department heads to submit a strategic plan to deploy those resources as effectively as possible. This process ensures that departments are not merely filling vacancies, but using the hiring process as an opportunity to maximize investments and make services more efficient for Angelenos.

"It's critical for the City to take this step so that we can continue to fill potholes, trim trees, resurface streets, and fix sidewalks in the decades to come," said Councilmember Krekorian, chair of the Budget and Finance and Job Creation committees. "Under Mayor Garcetti's leadership, Los Angeles is preparing its next generation of public servants and extending career opportunities to Angelenos who might otherwise get left behind."

"This Executive Directive is a wonderful example of labor working with management," said Councilmember Koretz, who chairs the Council Committee that oversees personnel matters. "I have seen the diligence and mutual respect on the part of all parties involved, working together to come up with an optimum city workforce for today through to the future -- one that is best capable of serving Angelenos while ensuring opportunity and prosperity for so many of our current and future employees. Mayor Garcetti's Executive Directive is a fine mix of the practical and the visionary, which are the best ingredients to achieve a recipe for future success."

Mayor Garcetti is also calling on departments to bring jobs where they are needed most. The directive instructs departments to prioritize L.A.'s most underemployed communities — including veterans, the formerly incarcerated and disconnected youth.

Last year, to ensure the success of that effort, the City launched the Strategic Workforce Restoration Working Group. The Working Group includes the Mayor's Office, the City Council

including the Council President's Office, and representatives from Labor and various City agencies. To spearhead this effort, Mayor Garcetti tapped former Los Angeles City Councilmember and State Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg.

"Earning a job with the City of Los Angeles can be the door to a new life for many Angelenos who just want the chance to serve and to make a decent living for their families," said Assemblymember Goldberg. "We just need to make sure that door is open to everyone."

Yom Ha'Shoah

Yom Ha'Shoah is the annual Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust. This year, it began on the evening of May 4th, and ended as evening started on May 5th.

Yom Ha'Shoah is a time to remember the unbearable pain and costs of the Holocaust. It is a time to contemplate what has happened and what must never be allowed to happen again, and to memorialize the many millions of victims, while recognizing the valiant heroism of all who, in the very worst of times, represented the good in humanity: victims and survivors, resisters, and those who strove mightily to help others escape with their lives.

In Los Angeles City Hall, a solemn ceremony was held, co-presented by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Mitch Englander, and joined by City Attorney Mike Feuer, City Controller Ron Galperin, Rabbi Meyer May of the Museum of Tolerance, and Rosemary Laemmle Hilb and her daughter, Antonia Carlotta, representing the family of Carl Laemmle.

Carl Laemmle is generally remembered as a crucial pioneer of the film industry – he founded Universal Studios and made many other massive contributions to the history of cinema. But in the years leading up to World War II – he would pass away, weeks after its outbreak, in Southern California of heart disease, -- Carl Laemmle did everything in his power to try to make it possible for German Jews to leave Germany, escape the Nazis and find a new life, often here in Los Angeles. It is estimated that he saved hundreds of lives -- and so, in the course of the Yom Ha'Shoah ceremony held in City Hall, Carl Laemmle and his family were honored for his tireless efforts to save so many innocent lives, while all present affirmed, "Never Again" to genocide.

Cheviot Hills Annual Meeting

Councilmember Paul Koretz presenting a certificate of appreciation to HOA President Gregg Spiegelman.

Councilmember Koretz attended the Cheviot Hills Annual meeting on May 5th 2016 at the Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services Center. The residents of Cheviot Hills gathered to hear LAPD Captain Tina Nieto and Senior Lead Officer Mario Gonzalez, Sheriff's Deputy Keith Johnson, Eric Geier from Metro, and Councilmember Koretz address issues pertaining to the Expo Line, development affecting Cheviot Hills, and other local and citywide issues.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2016 was launched ceremonially in City Hall on April 22. In the weeks following that fun and dynamic kick-off event, an illuminating variety of artistic, cultural, historical and educational efforts have been and are being offered across the city. To find out more, please visit: <http://culturela.org/event/asian-american-heritage-month-celebrations/>.

Congratulations to all involved, including the LA APAHM 2016 Co-Chairs, Councilmember David Ryu and Public Works Commissioner Joel F. Jacinto, and the following honorees: the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, and L.A. Department of Building and Safety General Manager Raymond S. Chan, who are recipients of the "Lead and Power LA" Award; "Entertain L.A." Award recipient Estella "Nonosina" Reid, who is the Founder of Nonosina Polynesia; and "Innovate LA" Award recipients A.C. Martin, the veteran architectural firm, and 5th district resident Nanxi Liu, the CEO & Co-Founder of Enplug (the leading open digital signage software).

Council President Herb Wesson, Councilmember David Ryu, 5th district resident and Innovate Award recipient Nanxi Liu, and Joel F. Jacinto (Commissioner, City of L.A. Board of Public Works and LA APAHM 2016 Co-Chair).

Transform California

A statewide coalition, Transform California, has been formed in order to help protect the rights of transgender and gender non-conforming people. The coalition includes more than thirty community and LGBT groups, businesses and members of clergy, and intends to hold events across California to raise awareness, promote greater civility and understanding, and discourage bias, discrimination and violence against the people represented by this coalition.

One such event was recently held in front of City Hall, with Mayor Garcetti announcing the formation of a City of L.A. Transgender Advisory Council and Councilmember Koretz among those in attendance.

Transform California was formed by Equality California and Oakland's Transgender Law Center.

10th Annual Walk to End Genocide

On Sunday, April 17, at the La Brea Tar Pits, Councilmember Koretz joined Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilmember David Ryu, and former County Supervisor Zev for the 10th Annual Walk to End Genocide. Thousands of people attended to stand together to call for an end to all genocide and mass atrocities. This walk is held in April because it is Genocide Awareness and Prevention Month. It gives us a time to remember, reflect, and take action on many anniversaries of genocides that took place in April, like what happened in Rwanda, Cambodia, and Armenia. Special thanks to the organizers of this event – Jewish World Watch! By doing this event, they helped pay tribute to the millions of people who have suffered as a result of these atrocities, and to raise awareness about ongoing conflicts like what is happening in Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. For more information, please visit the Jewish World Watch website at: <http://www.jww.org/>

One week later another event was held with similar concerns-ending genocide. An estimated 60,000 people participated in this year's Los Angeles March for Justice and rally to commemorate and memorialize the Armenian Genocide, and to say "never again" to such grim horrors. The march, and others held the same day around the world, marked the 101st Anniversary of the start of the Armenian Genocide.

Oingo Boingo gets honored

The untimely passing of Prince, along with the loss of David

Bowie and so many other musical greats earlier this year, has given us much cause for sorrow, in part because music means so much to people everywhere in the world. Certainly, here in Los Angeles, the music industry is crucial but so are its people, and we are lucky to have incredibly accomplished musicians and related professionals in every neighborhood throughout our city. That's why, while we mourn the final departures of musical legends and friends, we also treasure and applaud the survivors who are going on strong at whatever age, making wonderful music, having a blast and entertaining others. There are so many tremendous examples of those who are doing just that, but one of the foremost examples is the band Oingo Boingo.

Formed in Los Angeles in 1972 as The Mystic Knights of Oingo Boingo, the band quickly became treasured for its intriguing and fun mélange of new wave, pop, ska and other world music, comedy and eye-catching theatrics. Their big hits were "Dead Man's Party" and "Weird Science," and they also made major contributions to soundtracks. In 1979, they changed their name to Oingo Boingo, and in 1995 they retired after one of their famous Halloween concerts, but individually and in tandem they've continued to be incredibly productive creatively, and indeed, some older and newer members have recently been touring as Oingo Boingo Dance Party. On April 19, Los Angeles City Councilmember Jose Huizar brought the band to the City Council to be honored and most were able to attend, along with fabled radio DJs, Richard Blade and Frazer Smith. The room was packed with Oingo Boingo fans who cheered the ceremony and the talk of concerts to come, and were thrilled when band members burst into song, including "Dead Man's Party."

Congrats, Oingo Boingo for your 45 years-plus delighting your fans and being a part of L.A. musical history, and the years to come!

Home Sharing Ordinance set for public hearing

The proposed "Home Sharing Ordinance," intended to address the short-term rental phenomenon exemplified by AirBnB, is set for its first public hearing on Saturday, May 21st, 10 a.m., in the Deaton Auditorium at LAPD Headquarters, 100 West First Street in downtown Los Angeles.

This hearing is the beginning of the official approval process for the ordinance, which is intended to impose some order on the short-term rental "free for all" L.A. has been experiencing the last couple of years. The draft ordinance includes regulations, restrictions, a registration process and a taxing process. The City Planning Department will take comments at the hearing and in writing through June 6th.

For more information:

Hearing Notice: <http://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/HomeSharing/HSOHearingNotice.pdf>

Draft Ordinance: <http://planning.lacity.org/ordinances/docs/HomeSharing/STROrdinancePublicDraft.pdf>

***Happy Mother's Day
everyone!***

Upcoming Community Events





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